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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR DEFENSE MINISTER ENRILE

REF: (A) MANILA 10901, (B) STATE 184093 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON MINISTER OF DEFENSE ENRILE
AUGUST 15 AND PRESENTED BRIEFING PAPERS PROVIDED BY
DEPARTMENT ON NORTH YEMEN/SOUTH YEMEN, AFGHANISTAN AND
PEKING/HANOI/PHNOM PENH TRIANGLE. AMBASSADOR ALSO
CONVEYED ORALLY POINTS CONTAINED IN REF B ON THE SITUATION
IN INDOCHINA.

2. ENRILE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PAPERS AND
BRIEFING. HE OBSERVED THAT THE GOP IS PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN SOVIET INTENTIONS IN THE PACIFIC AND INDIAN
OCEAN AND LITTORAL STATES. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A
FURTHER BRIEFING WHICH WOULD COVER THE "ENTIRE AREA." IN
THIS REGARD, HE REFERRED TO "THE SOUTH PACIFIC BASIN
(EXTENDING DOWN TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND), VIETNAM,
THAILAND, CAMBODIA, TAIWAN, JAPAN, THE PRC, RUSSIA, THE
INDIAN OCEAN, INCLUDING AT LEAST SAUDI ARABIA IN THE
MIDDLE EAST." ENRILE SAID THE GOP WANTS TO KNOW "WHAT THE

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RUSSIANS -- ESPECIALLY THE NAVY -- ARE DOING." STRESSING
THAT "WE NEED SCENARIOS TO DEVELOP OUR PLANS", ENRILE SAID
THAT A FULL-SCALE BRIEFING ON THESE QUESTIONS, PERHAPS
ORGANIZED AND PRESENTED ALONG THE LINES OF THE ONE GIVEN
LAST JANUARY, WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. HE
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SUCH A BRIEFING COULD BE ARRANGED
WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

3. COMMENT: WE SEE ENRILE'S REQUEST AS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DEMONSTRATE AGAIN OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN SECURITY QUESTIONS OF CONCERN TO THE PHILIPPINES. FOLLOWING ON THE BRIEFING PROVIDED MARCOS IN JANUARY, THIS ADDITIONAL BRIEFING COULD BE VIEWED IN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF DEFENSE CONSULTATIONS, AN AREA IN WHICH THE GOP, ESPECIALLY ENRILE, HAS CHARGED THAT WE HAVE BEEN DEFICIENT IN THE PAST. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE REQUESTED BRIEFING BE DEVELOPED IN WASHINGTON WITH A VIEW TO AN APPROPRIATE TEAM PRESENTING IT TO MARCOS, ENRILE AND TOP STAFF WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. MURPHY

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